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Parole Board Welcomes Second Accreditation Assessment

TRENTON – The NJ State Parole Board (SPB) will once again undergo an assessment by the New Jersey Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission in conjunction with the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police.

The assessment will include an evaluation of the SPB's policies and procedures, management, operations and support services and will include visit by assessors Oct. 3 and 4th to the board's central office here. The SPB must comply with 105 standards in order to achieve re-accreditation. The SPB was fully accredited after a similar process on May 9, 2013.

"We welcome back the Chiefs Association and will fully cooperate with assessors in what I believe will be another positive review of the board and its dedicated staff," said SPB Chairman James T. Plousis.

Assessors will also take comment via telephone from 10 AM and Noon on October 4, 2016. Those wishing to comment may call 609-341-3621 during the specified time. Comments are limited to five minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with the NJSACOP accreditation standards.

Email comments can be sent to SPB-Public-Info-Office@spb.nj.gov.

Anyone wishing to submit written comments about the New Jersey State Parole Board's ability to comply with the standards for accreditation may also send them by email to Harry J Delgado, Accreditation Program Manager, hdelgado@njsacop.org, by phone at 856-334-8943, or write to the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission at 11000 Lincoln Drive West, Suite 12, Marlton, N.J. 08053.

Plousis said, "We are always seeking greater accountability within the agency, reduced risk for officers and the most effective supervision of our more than 15,000 offenders."

The assessment team will be composed of law enforcement practitioners from New Jersey law enforcement agencies. They will review written materials, interview agency members, and visit offices and other places where compliance with the standards can be observed. Once the Commission's assessors complete their review of the agency, they will report to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted accredited status.

Accreditation is valid for a three-year period during which time the agency must submit annual reports

attesting to their continued compliance.

The New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police through its New Jersey Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission is the legitimate authority and accreditation agency in the state of New Jersey. For more information regarding the Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission please write the Commission at New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission at 11000 Lincoln Drive West, Suite 12, Marlton, N.J. 08053.

A copy of the standards is available for inspection at the New Jersey State Parole Board, 171 Jersey Street, Trenton, N.J. 08625, Building 2. Please contact Captain William Small at 609-341-3621 for more information.